

# REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's office action dated January 15, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Group I, species A1, B1, claims 1, 2, 5, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 51, 52, 53, 64, 66, 71, 72, 73, 78, 79, 104, 105, 118, 123, 124, 125, 130, and 131, without traverse.

Independent claims 1, and 51 appear to be generic.

Applicant's attorney does not understand the requirement that Applicant elect a ~~¶~~sleeve portions~~¶~~ as recited in ~~¶~~Species C~~¶~~ in the Office Action. If there is some particular deficiency in Applicant's election, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney so that such deficiency can be corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

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